

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1-39 (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) An isolated polypeptide having at least 80% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9, lacking its associated signal peptide; or

(c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203406AA;

wherein said isolated polypeptide induces c-fos expression.

41. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 40 having at least 85% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9, lacking its associated signal peptide; or

(c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203406AA;

wherein said isolated polypeptide induces c-fos expression.

42. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 40 having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9, lacking its associated signal peptide; or

(c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203406AA;

wherein said isolated polypeptide induces c-fos expression.

43. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 40 having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9;

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9, lacking its associated signal peptide; or

(c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203406AA;

wherein said isolated polypeptide induces c-fos expression.

44. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 40 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9;

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9, lacking its associated signal peptide; or

(c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203406AA;

wherein said isolated polypeptide induces c-fos expression.

45. (Previously Presented) An isolated polypeptide comprising:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9;

(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9, lacking its associated signal peptide; or

(c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203406AA.

46. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 45 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9.

47. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 45 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9, lacking its associated signal peptide.

48. (Cancelled)

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50. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 45 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203406AA.

51. (Previously Presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 40 fused to a heterologous polypeptide; wherein said chimeric polypeptide induces c-fos expression.

52. (Previously Presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 51, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

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